Republic of Germany had been in India in December, 1984. During his visit to India Dr. Daunderer was in Bhopal for three days and also attended a meeting of experts of national and international fame, held on 11-12-1984 to consider the medical relief for the gas victims of Bhopal. Dr. Daunderer had also carried with him a small consignment of Sodium Thiosulphate for demostration and study purpose.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Transmission of AIDS through the use of second hand garments

2404. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are serious apprehensions concerning possible transmission of the new AIDS disease to India through the use of imported second hand garments from the Western countries and if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to stop the import of the second hand-garments and their sale in the country?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The question does not arise.

Promotion of sports during the Seventh Plan

2405. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the steps being taken to promote sports activities in the country;

(b) the funds proposed to be allocated for the purpose during the Seventh Five Year Plan;

(c) whether National Games are proposed to be held every year in the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SMT. MARGARET ALVA): (a) With a view to promoting sports activities in the country, the Government adopted a Resolution on National Sports Policy which was laid on the Table of the Sabha on the 21st August, 1984 and is implementing various schemes like grants to State Sports Councils, Grants to national sports federations, National Coaching Scheme, Sports Talent Search Scholarships, All India Rural Sports Tournaments, National Sports Championships for women, Sports Talent Search Contest, etc. The Government also proposes to implement some new schemes like Setting up of Sports Hostels, Adoption of Schools for Sports. etc. ,

(b) An allocation of Rs. 200 crores has been proposed.

(c) No. sir.

(d) The Indian Olympic Association which holds the National Games proposes to hold the games once in every two years.

Department of Telugu in the Banaras Hindu University

2406. SHRI PUTTAPAGA RADHAKRISHNA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Telugu in the Banaras Hindu University is not recognised as an independent department;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of posts of teaching and non-teaching staff sanctioned for that Department of Telugu during the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Five Year Plans?